

## WILL NOT BACK-TRACK

Bonaparte Still Favors Imprisonment for Trusts.

### AFTER HEAD, NOT UNDERLING

Attorney General Not Downcast Over Criticism of His View—Will Confer with Sims, Morrison, and Wilkerson to Find Out Whether Alton Officers Are Immune.

Attorney General Bonaparte seemed in no wise cast down or distressed to-day by the many savage attacks that have been made upon him, because of the determination he expressed in an interview in The Washington Herald Tuesday to imprison, if possible, the head of some great corporation who had defied the laws, rather than to punish the "underlings," as he called them, of the trusts.

He has received, he said, many communications, mostly anonymous, inclosing newspaper clippings. He was still of the same mind, he said, and then added: "I have been asked very frequently whether it were not, as asserted in many quarters, better policy to punish, by imprisonment, if possible, individuals who offend against the anti-trust laws, rather than to obtain fines against corporations."

**Punish Heads, Not Subordinates.** "I have replied, on several occasions, that, in my opinion, it would be a more effective deterrent to punish individuals, as suggested, provided the punishment fell on those really responsible for the offense, and not merely upon subordinates; provided the offenses were serious and not merely formal, and provided that no prosecution were instituted without a reasonable hope of success. I have said this more than once, because I have been asked about it very frequently. I am still of the opinion thus expressed, and I think it is a sound and reasonable one."

"When I was appointed Attorney General I announced that I considered it unnecessary and inappropriate for me to express any opinion as to the policy or the equity of any statutes which might be enacted by the Congress. It was my duty and it would be my effort to see that all persons, without regard to numbers, their means, or their occupations, obeyed such statutes in letter and in spirit, or if they failed to do so that they would be prosecuted and punished for their disobedience. I have only done what I could to act upon these principles."

Speaking of the anxiety in Wall street over the trust prosecutions, Attorney General Bonaparte said:

"I have been accused of talking too much lately, and I think that I had better keep quiet. It does seem to me, though, that officers of corporations and enterprises that have not violated the laws of the country have no occasion to be anxious. If they are innocent, as doubtless hundreds of them are, they do not need to worry. The government seeks only to punish those who have deliberately and defiantly violated the country's laws."

### To Confer on Alton Immunity.

Mr. Bonaparte, speaking of the apparent controversy which has arisen between Judge Landis and the Department of Justice over the prosecution of the Chicago and Alton officials, said he had directed District Attorney Sims, former District Attorney Morrison, and Mr. Wilkerson, to come to Washington and to confer with him next Monday on the Chicago and Alton situation. The entire question at issue is to determine from the record whether the Chicago and Alton officials fully came up to their part of the agreement, which was made with the Department of Justice undoubtedly made with them, namely, that if they testified fully and freely, and without any reserve, as to the part played by them in giving rebates to the Standard, they would be granted immunity. Mr. Bonaparte has been in correspondence with Judge Landis, and has furnished him with the information which is in the possession of the department. At the conference next Monday Mr. Bonaparte will endeavor to learn if the Chicago and Alton officials acted in complete good faith, and if so, they will be immune.

### Charged Alton Did Not 'Tote Fair.'

There is a general mix-up in regard to the Alton rebate case, and the Department of Justice is not clear on the question whether the immunity from prosecution which is supposed to have been promised by former Attorney General Moody is binding on the government. It has been said that the Alton officials did not act in good faith with the government in regard to the testimony against the Standard Oil Company in consideration of the promise of immunity, and with this statement accepted, trust it is agreed that the government is under no obligation to withhold prosecution. This, evidently, is the opinion of Judge Landis, at Chicago, who imposed the enormous fine on the Standard, and who instructed the grand jury to proceed with an investigation of the Alton rebates, preliminary to a prosecution of that railroad. Just at present, the peculiar situation is presented of a Federal judge apparently more eager to punish an alleged law-breaking corporation than the Roosevelt administration is.

### AMERICAN SCHOOL IS SAFE.

Ambassador Leshman Sends Reassuring Advice.

Ambassador Leshman at Constantinople sent reassuring advice to the State Department yesterday regarding conditions in the Uruman district, which he declares to be comparatively quiet, according to the reports received through British sources. The Turkish troops have not yet advanced into the disputed territory.

The American consul at Tabriz is leaving, unofficially, for Uruman, where the American mission school is located and which is the object of so much concern on the part of the American missionary societies.

### TRACTION COMPANY SUED.

Two Actions Filed for Damages by Women Who Fell from Cars.

Two suits aggregating \$5,500 were filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday against the Capital Traction Company. In each instance the plaintiff avers that she was thrown from the defendant's cars, receiving severe injuries.

Virginia Poligaze, one of the plaintiffs, sues for \$1,500, while Mary Butler, the other complainant, demands \$5,000 damages.

### Saves Boy Who Fell from Wharf.

While playing on the wharf off the foot of Ninth street yesterday afternoon, eight-year-old Ernest Dent, of 466 I street southwest, lost his balance when near to the edge of the structure and fell into the river. Not being able to swim the boy floundered about in the water for several minutes, and would have probably drowned had it not been for the timely assistance at the hands of Edward Carter, colored, of 432 Locust court, who came to his rescue.

## TAPT UNDER HIGH PRESSURE.

Sleeps Little, Revises Army Appropriation, and Confers with Burton.

Secretary Taft, after working in his office until 1 o'clock yesterday morning, secured a few hours' sleep and was at the War Department bright and early. He saw few callers, most of the day being devoted to considering and revising the estimates to be submitted to Congress for army appropriations.

It was necessary to dispose of them, as the Secretary will not return from the Philippines until too near the convening of Congress to admit of preparing them. Assistant Secretary Oliver, who returned from Murray Bay yesterday morning, was with the Secretary most of the day. Late in the afternoon Representative Burton, of Cleveland, called for a conference on national politics.

## CENTRAL AMERICA QUIET.

Commander Gove Wires No Outbreak Is Imminent.

The advice to the Navy Department yesterday do not bear out the press dispatches from Mexico that war is imminent between Guatemala and Salvador on one side, against Nicaragua and Honduras on the other.

Commander Charles A. Gove, of the United States gunboat Yorktown, cabled from La Union, Salvador, that all was quiet in Central America, with no prospect of an outbreak.

## GEN. BIRNEY'S FUNERAL.

Body Will Be Cremated After Services To-morrow Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Gen. William Birney, who died Wednesday at Silver Spring, Md., will be held in Lee's Chapel, 232 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In accordance with his request, the services will be conducted by the Secular League and the body cremated.

Friends and members of Pentapolis Lodge, E. A. M., are invited to attend the services.

## NEGRO FIGHT ENDS IN KILLING

James Brown Slain and Daniel Abbott Placed Under Arrest.

Both Men Make Passes with Knives and Brown Falls with Jugular Vein Badly Lacerated.

While in an altercation with Daniel Abbott, colored, twenty-eight years of age, of 122 Thirteenth street northwest, a few minutes before 9 o'clock last night, on Eleventh street, between P and Q streets, James Brown, also colored, nineteen years of age, of 1635 Eleventh street, was stabbed in the neck with a pocket knife, causing a cut in the jugular vein, which caused his death within a few minutes.

From what the police have been able to learn, the quarrel started between the two negroes as the result of a dispute that they had engaged in earlier in the evening in a pool and bar room on Seventh street, between M and N streets.

They had proceeded as far as Eleventh street, near Q, where they had stopped at the home of an acquaintance, when it is claimed that trouble arose as to just which one of the two negroes was to walk with the Brooks girl. As in former instances, Brown was quick to cease his quarreling, and together the four started on their walk again.

Abbott says he was walking at the side of Brown and had dropped behind in order to step to the outside of the walk thus placing the two girls in the middle, when the latter turned upon him with this exclamation: "I have had enough of this," and struck him in the face with his fist. It appears that pocket knives were produced by both men, and several passes had been made at each other, when Brown was seen to stagger back, blood streaming from a cut in his neck. Abbott then drew his knife and lunged at him, and the two men fought on Thirteenth street. Several men in the neighborhood hurried to assist the injured man to a drug store at the corner of Tenth and R streets. They had hardly reached the place when the negro died in their arms, having bled to death.

The police of the Eighth precinct were immediately notified, and Bicycle Officer Waldron, assisted by Patrolman Owens, of the Second precinct, located Abbott at his home, and placed him under arrest. At the time the negro was in the act of changing his clothing, preparatory, it is thought, to attempting to escape.

When questioned at the station house, he had not intended to cut Brown, and had been forced into the altercation because of the other's continued quarreling.

The knife with which he claimed to have done the cutting, when turned over to the police, proved to be a small toy affair, fitted with a shoe-shaped handle and a blade about one inch in length.

The body of the dead negro was taken to the morgue, where it will be kept until after the coroner's inquest, which will probably take place at 11 o'clock to-day.

## POLICE HOLD SILK GOWNS.

Try to Find Owners of Valuable Stolen Property.

The authorities at police headquarters are making efforts to locate the owners of several silk dresses, a camera, and a pair of opera glasses that are said to have been stolen from persons in this city during the past few weeks.

The articles were found in the possession of a man named Hume Smith, aged nineteen, who was arrested yesterday morning by the police of Baltimore, Md., on the suspicion that he had stolen them. At the time of his arrest, Smith was attempting to sell the articles on the streets in that city. When questioned as to his possession of the goods, he said he had bought them in this city from a man who claimed to have stolen them.

The local police were notified of Smith's arrest, and Detectives Weedon and Pratt were sent to Baltimore to bring the man to this city. At the station house last night, the man said he had bought the articles for \$1.50 from a stranger on the street, and that he had been able to dispose of a small proportion of them for \$5.

## MAY SUCCEED CHIEF CLERK.

Two Men Mentioned for Navy Department Place.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf was notified by wire yesterday of the death of Benjamin F. Peters, chief clerk of the Navy Department, and asked for instructions as to the appointment of his successor.

F. S. Curtis, acting chief clerk, has been in the office for more than fifteen years, and is spoken of for appointment. The name of Charles V. Stewart, superintendent of the library and naval war records, is also mentioned.

## Largest Morning Circulation.

All advertising contracts made by The Washington Herald are based upon its own circulation—a circulation in Washington larger by thousands than was ever before attained by any morning newspaper at the Capital. Its books are open.

## BOY STRIKERS YIELD

Messengers Go Back to Work for "Crook Masters."

### NONUNION MAN CAPITULATES

Strikers Awaiting President's Order to Quit—Local Managers Deny Reports that Telegrams Are Being Mailed—Say Tie-up No Longer Has Terror for the Companies.

Another strike-breaker, who entered Washington yesterday afternoon with the avowed intention of joining Manager Prosser's force at the Postal Telegraph Company, was captured by the pickets in the office of the Postal Telegraph Company while he was waiting for the elevator to be taken to his desk. That is the strike-breaker's story, told after his capture, and when he was addressing an enthusiastic body of union men at the strike headquarters in the Columbia Hotel.

He came to Washington from Sterling, Va., where he had been employed, and was told to call on Manager Prosser, of the Postal. "While he was waiting in the office to see the manager, the pickets saw him, and one of them approaching him, asked:

"Do you want a position on the Associated Press?"

The strike-breaker, John Sexton, answered: "Sure; what is there in it?"

"Thirty a week," the prevaricating picket answered.

"I'm on," was the quick response, and in a moment the picket and his prey were on their way to strike headquarters.

Once surrounded by union men the strike-breaker was quickly convinced that he was making a mistake in joining the strike-breakers, and agreed to join the union and aid the strike to the best of his ability. He was soon gesticulating from the top of a table in the strike headquarters, telling the story of his capture, and after having learned just why he was striking, became the most radical striker of all.

### Messenger Boys Capitulate.

The first actual capitulation of the strike came yesterday afternoon, although, as has been forecast, all the symptoms of a surrender were shown the day after the strike. The messenger boys have submitted to what they thought the cruel terms of the companies, and have gone back to work whistling and as happy as they were in the days before they had a taste of their power. Yesterday morning the last boy strikers went back to work, with the exception of one or two, who have been put on the blacklist for other reasons than mere striking. It was said yesterday afternoon that a warrant had been issued for one of the boys on a charge of tearing up Western Union telegrams, but no arrest has been made as yet.

### One of the first incidents yesterday

morning was the arrest of Will Bowles, said to be the first lieutenant of the striking messengers, who was taken to the station house on a charge of obstreperous conduct, but after a stiff lecture was released.

Bicycle policemen were stationed near the Postal and Western Union offices, with instructions to prevent any unnecessary loitering by the boys, and to prevent the strikers from disturbing any of those who had returned to work. The first boys to take out telegraphic messages yesterday morning were accompanied by bicycle blocks on their journeys by bicycle police.

### Waiting for General Strike Order.

The one thing that is looked forward to by the strikers is the word of President Small, authorizing a general strike. They feel that when this comes, they can be assured of making further inroads on the union men, who are still working because they claim that they have seen no official order to strike from President Small. The strikers seem to think that President Small's order will arrive here this morning, as he wired that he would mail it to all local presidents in the country as soon as he reached Chicago, where he was due yesterday.

As usual, conflicting stories come from both camps as to the progress of the strike. From the Western Union this statement was given out that its force, instead of decreasing, is increasing, and that the company did not fear a general strike or anything else that the strikers can do. The longer the strike goes on, the manager said, the better the company will be qualified to take care of business, and that it is now in a position in other cities besides Washington to work on indefinitely without the aid of the union.

### Denies Telegrams Are Mailed.

Manager Prosser, of the Postal, said yesterday afternoon:

"The bugaboo stories being given out by the strikers that we are using the mails to forward our telegrams are absolutely false. Not a mailed telegram has gone out of this office, and I am sure that the same is the case with the Western Union. We do not need to have recourse to the mails, as any one who has sent telegrams from here can testify. I filed any amount of newspaper reports from here last night, and in several instances newspaper bureaus have not attempted to get men to replace strikers, but have depended on the telegraph companies with absolute confidence, which has not been misplaced. As soon as it gets to that stage where we cannot send messages we will notify our patrons, so that hereafter, when the strike is over, they will continue to have confidence in me. I am absolutely confident that we will win the strike, even if it takes us a year to do so. We intend to stand firm, and our company will spend its every dollar rather than sacrifice the principle for which it is fighting."

### From the Associated Press comes the

same statement. The managers claim that no papers on their service have been going out reports, and that everything is going on just as it was before the strike. They claim that they have all the men they can use, and that they have applicants for positions which they cannot possibly put on.

### President Groves Makes Statement.

Against these statements come those from the strikers, which represent the companies as in a bad condition. The charge that both companies are constantly resorting to the mails for the delivery of their telegrams is heard on all sides, and a number of local business men have agreed to this. It is also stated that the same man with the same value who made the trip from New York here Wednesday, returned yesterday morning with a grip full of letters. This is vehemently denied by the companies.

President Groves said yesterday that the Postal had three men and two women at work, all of these being chiefs. In speaking of these chiefs, he said:

"They are staying in as if they were bonded employees, when they are not, and are in no way superior or more important than the men who have struck. They are union men, so-called, but I simply want to have those interested know that they have, as far as we know, no more

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